

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected the Claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by Philips Electronic N.V. (WO 95/29042), stating that Philips'042 discloses the invention including an outer cutter 4 having an interior surface, a radially extending hair capturing slits 15 and 15a and an outer circumferential side surface, an inner cutter 5 having a rotary side surface and upwardly extending inner blades, and a gap.

Applicant has carefully reviewed Philips'042, and respectfully submits that it does not show radially extending slits in the sense of Applicant's invention. In particular, Fig. 15 shows two concentric circular hair apertures 15 and 15a (see page 8, line 30), and not a plurality of radially extending hair capturing slits. Still further, Applicant respectfully submits that Philips'042 does not disclose "a plurality of upwardly extending inner cutter blades provided around a circumference of an inner cutter circular support disk." Instead, Philips'042 discloses an inner cutter member 5 comprising a carrier 6 and a ring 7. The carrier 6 has a central portion 8 and three radially oriented arms 9, and the ring 7 is secured to the ends 10 of the arms 9. Still further, the ring 7 has a single cutter rim 11 having continuous cutting edges 12 and 13 provided on both sides (see page 5, lines 12-15 and Figs. 6, 7, and 8 thereof). Clearly, this ring 7 with a single cutter rim 11 having cutting edges 12 and 13 on both sides of the single cutter rim 11 are not a plurality of upwardly extending cutter blades as is required by Applicant's invention. In addition, not only does it not have a plurality of inner cutter blades upwardly extending, but the inner cutter does not have a circular support disk to which a circumference thereof is provided the plurality of upwardly extending cutter blades.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that Philips'042 does not disclose each and every element of Applicant's invention as claimed, and that Claims 1-3 are not anticipated thereby.

In view of the above, therefore, it is respectfully requested that this matter be entered, favorably considered, and the case passed to issue.

Please charge any additional costs incurred by or in order to implement this amendment or required by any requests for extensions of time to KODA & ANDROLIA DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 11-1445.

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